

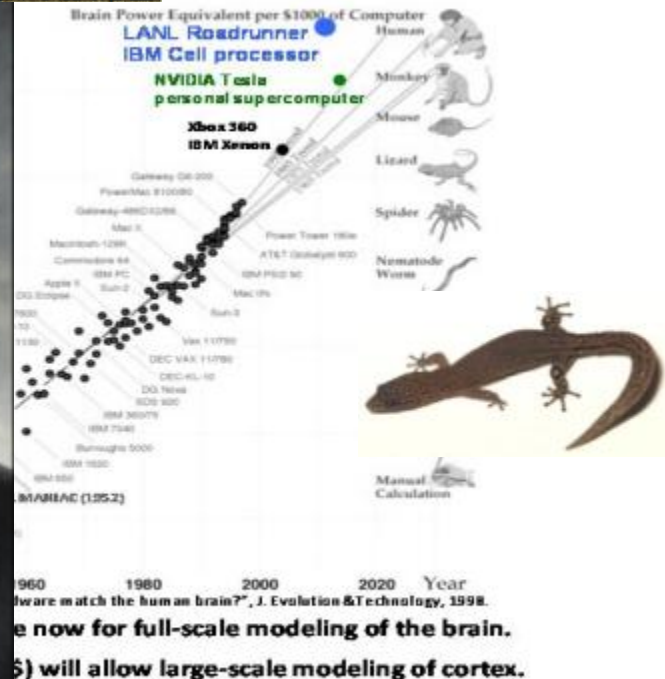


# ***The U.S. Navy's Task Force Climate Change***



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**Director, Task Force Climate Change**  
**November 2011**

# World Population (est.) 10,000 BC - 2,000 AD

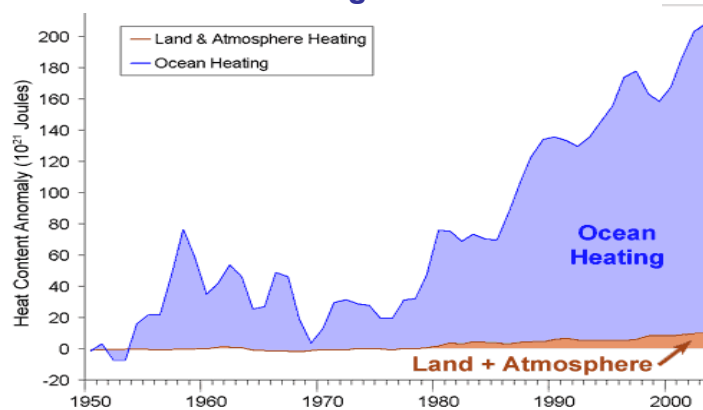






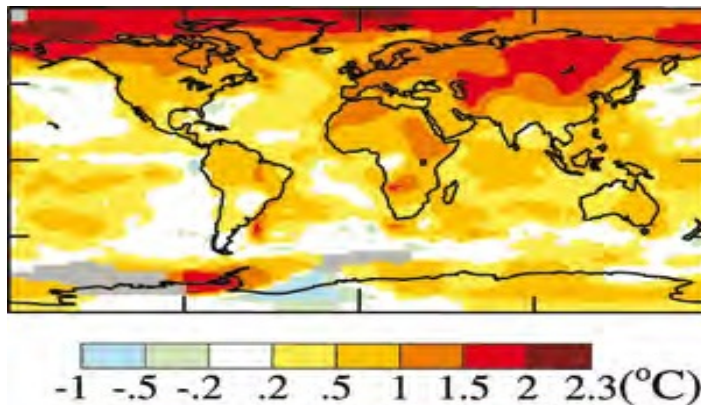
# Climate Change

## The Ocean is Storing Most of the Heat



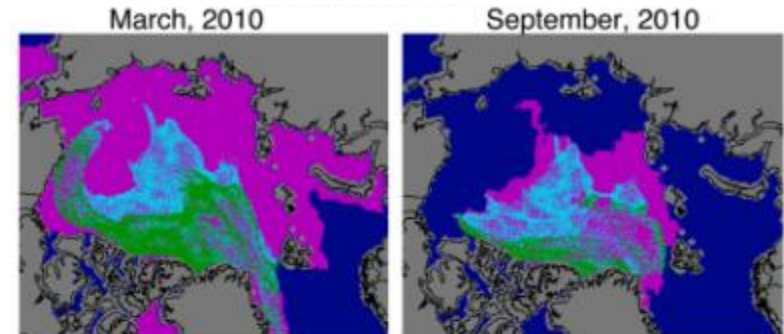
Total Earth Heat Content from 1950 (Murphy 2009). Ocean data taken from Domingues et al 2008

## Arctic Warming is 2 x the Rest of the World

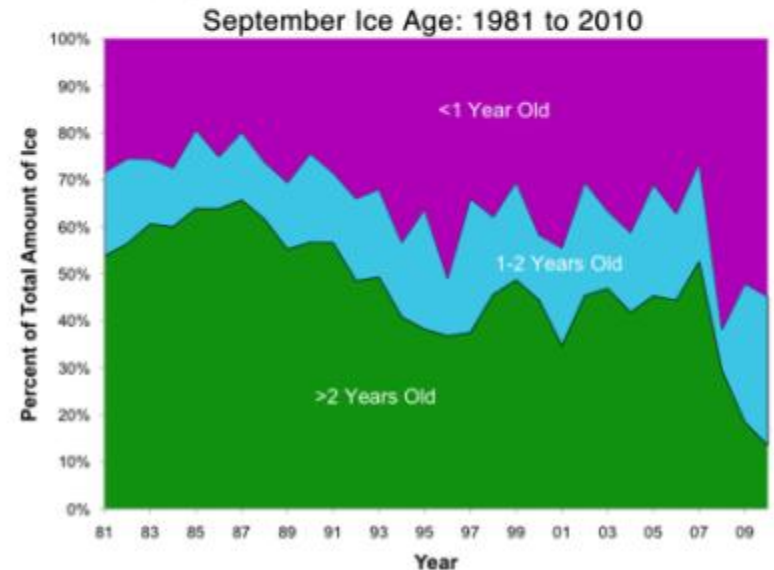


Mean surface temperature 2001-2007 relative to baseline period 1951-1980, from: The Copenhagen Diagnosis, 2009

## Arctic Sea Ice Continues to Melt & Thin



First-year ice (<1 year old) Second-year ice (1-2 years old) Multiyear ice (>2 years old)



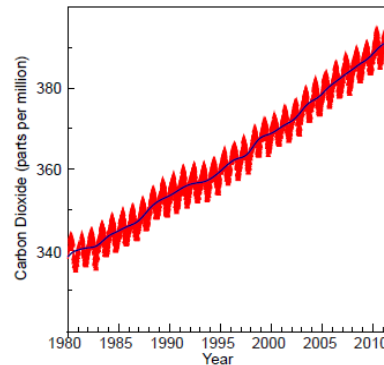
NSIDC courtesy J. Maslanik and C. Fowler, CU Boulder



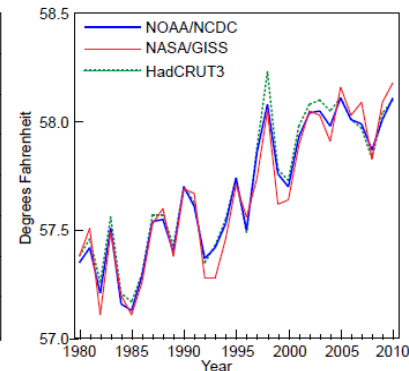
# Global Climate Change



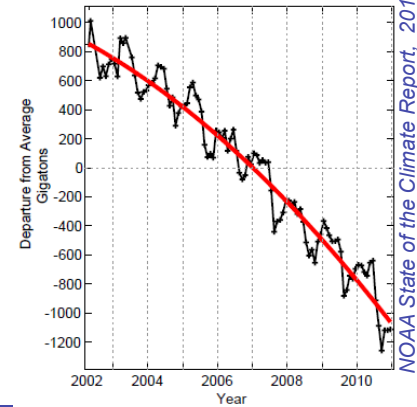
Greenhouse Gases



Global Surface Temperature



Greenland Ice Mass



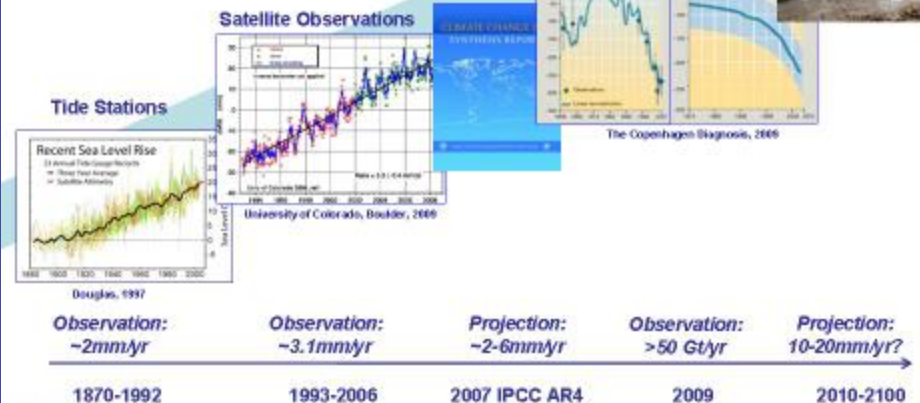
NOAA State of the Climate Report, 2010



## Sea Level Rise

21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Sea Level Rise

Accelerating Ice Sheet  
Mass Loss



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# So What Does this Mean?



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# Climate Change Causes

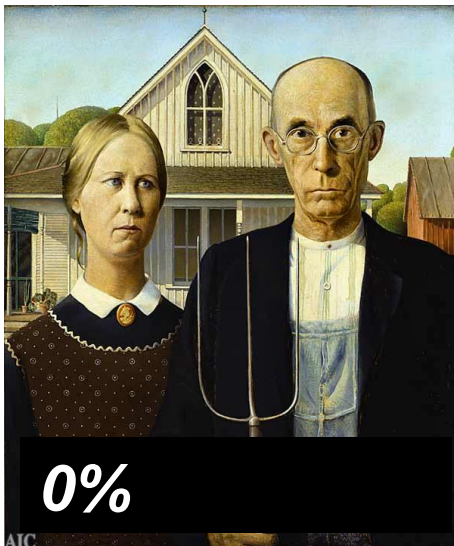
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \gamma(1 + \beta\mu) \frac{\partial I_v}{\partial t} + \gamma(\mu + \beta) \frac{\partial I_v}{\partial r} \\
 & + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left\{ \gamma(1 - \mu^2) \left[ \frac{1 + \beta\mu}{r} - \gamma^2(\mu + \beta) \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial r} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - \gamma^2(1 + \beta\mu) \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial t} \right] I_v \right\} - \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left\{ \gamma v \left[ \frac{\beta(1 - \mu^2)}{r} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \gamma^2 \mu(\mu + \beta) \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial r} + \gamma^2 \mu(1 + \beta\mu) \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial t} \right] I_v \right\} \\
 & + \gamma \left\{ \frac{2\mu + \beta(3 - \mu^2)}{r} + \gamma^2(1 + \mu^2 + 2\beta\mu) \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial r} \right. \\
 & \left. + \gamma^2[2\mu + \beta(1 + \mu^2)] \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial t} \right\} I_v = \eta_v - \chi_v I_v. \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$





# Sometimes I hear...

*“Carbon dioxide is just a trace gas”*



0%



Rue Bourbon  
Bourbon

.04% ~ 391 ppm

Drinks	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	
0	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	Only Safe Driving Limit
1	.04	.03	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	Driving Skills Impaired
2	.08	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	.03	.03	
3	.11	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05	
4	.15	.12	.11	.09	.08	.08	.07	.06	
5	.19	.16	.13	.12	.11	.09	.09	.08	Legally Intoxicated
6	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09	
7	.26	.22	.19	.16	.15	.13	.12	.11	
8	.30	.25	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.13	
9	.34	.28	.24	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	Possible Death
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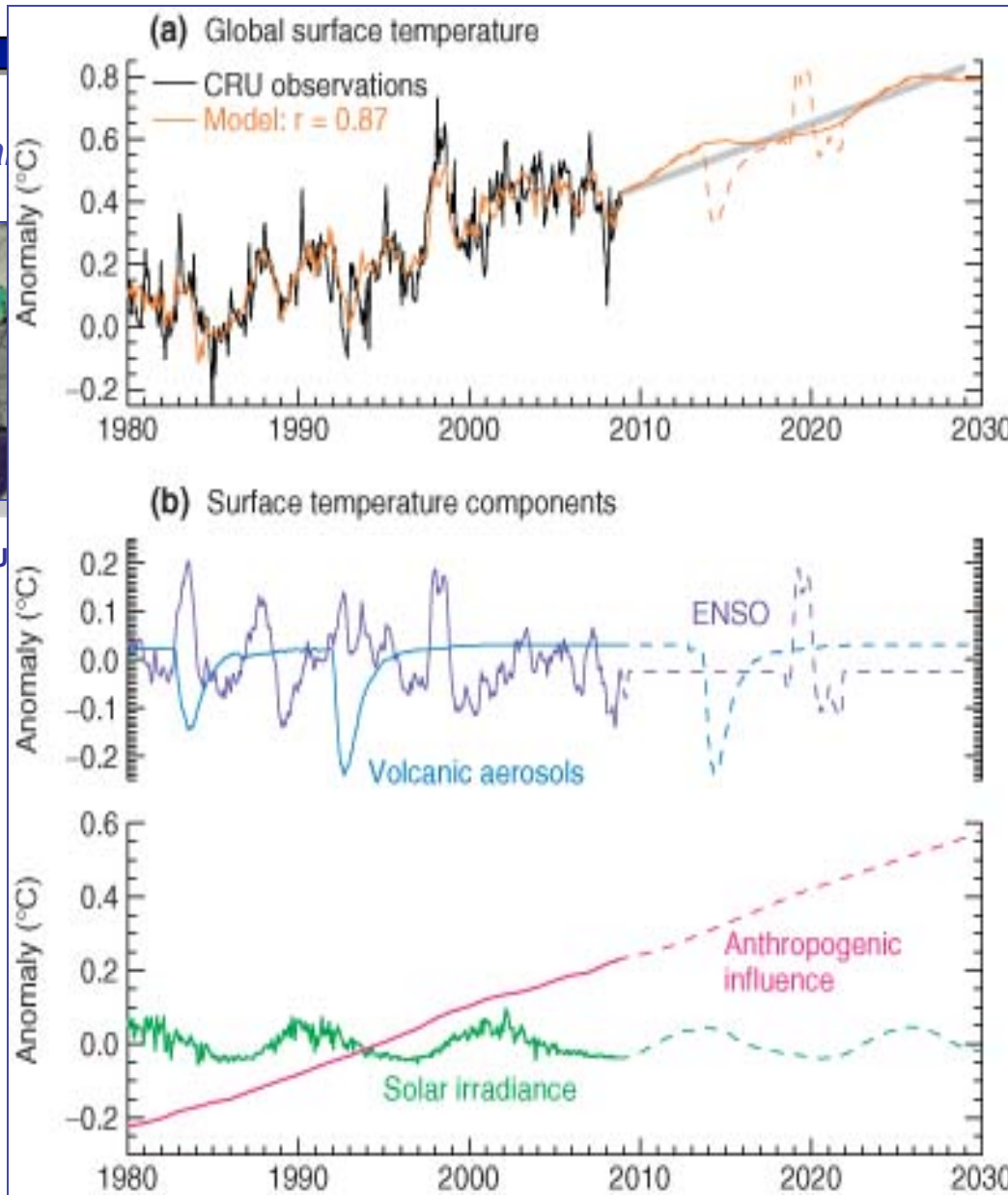


# Climate Change Causes (cont'd)

"It's part of a la



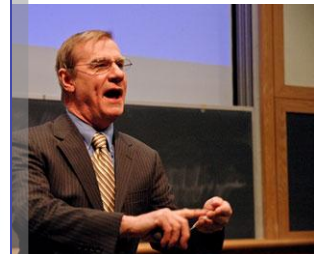
John Coleman, KU



Judith Lean, "Cycles and Trends in Solar Irradiance and Climate," 2009



s little to do with it."



Mark Michaels, CATO Institute





# Security Implications

## Climate Change



- Weather
- Ocean
- Land
- Space

## Impacts



- Food
- Water
- Shelter
- Energy
- Health

## Factors



- Exposure
- Sensitivity
- Adaptability

## Response



- Defense
- Diplomacy
- Development

*Implies a National “whole of government” approach*



# *In The Beginning...*



*Science-based approach, leverage partnerships, assess risk*





# The Team...

## INTERAGENCY



## NATIONAL



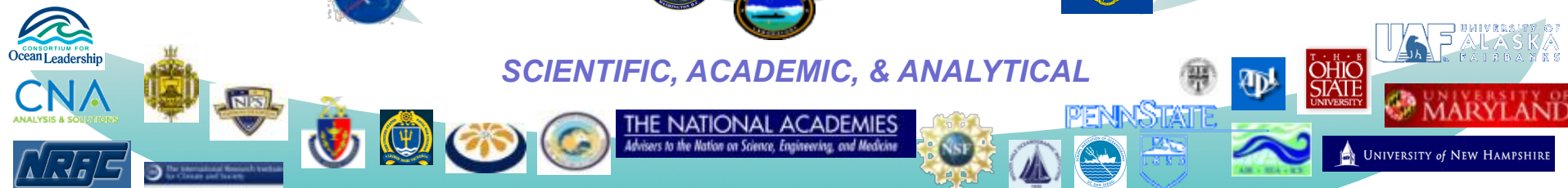
## DOD



## INTERNATIONAL



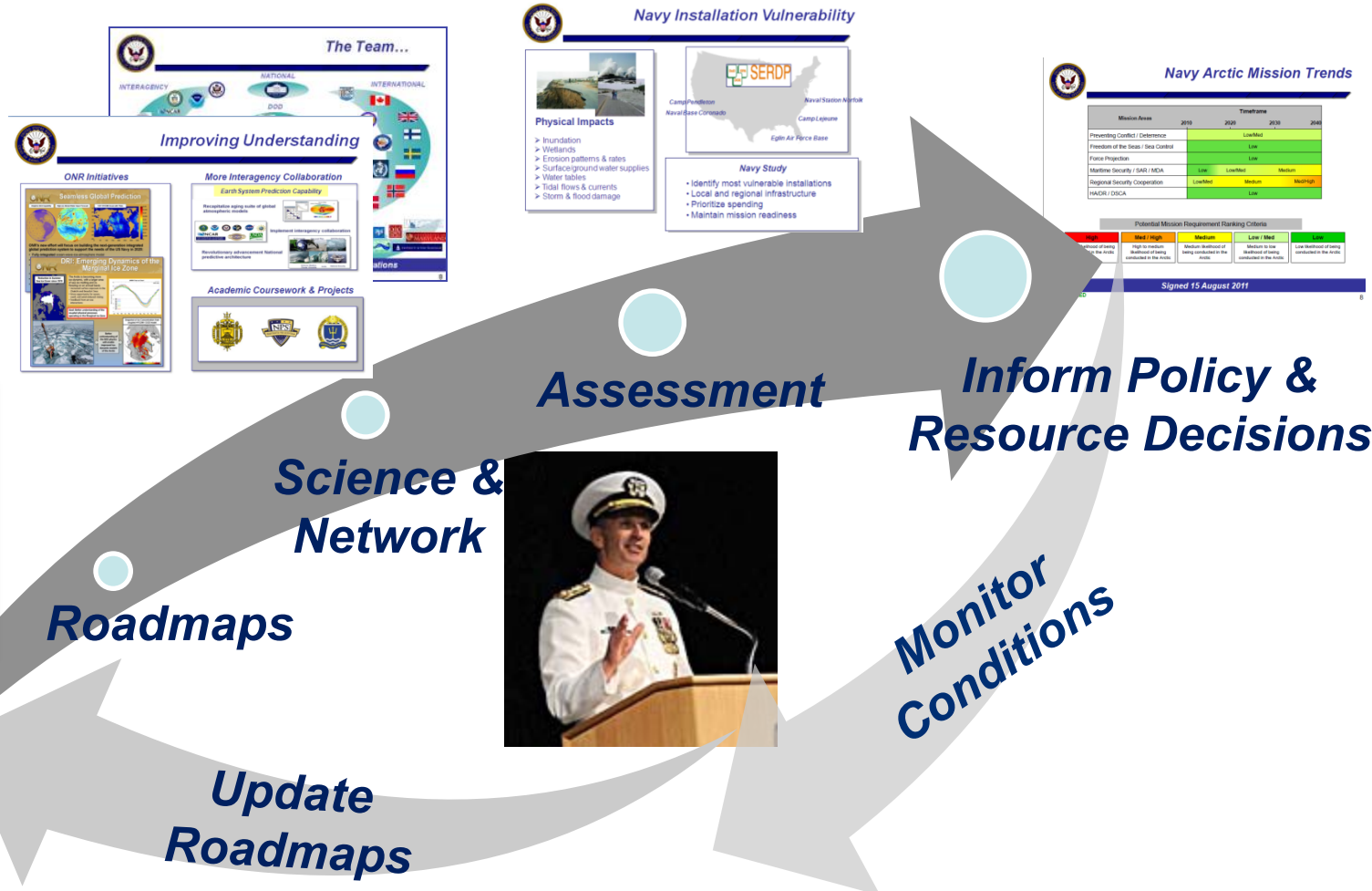
## SCIENTIFIC, ACADEMIC, & ANALYTICAL



**Engaged nearly 600 individuals from over 175 organizations**



# U.S. Navy Task Force Climate Change



Science-based approach, cooperative partnerships, risk assessments





# Navy Engagement

## Defense



Coordination & support  
to multiple OSD offices



USEUCOM / SACEUR  
Flag-level meetings



USPACOM  
Environmental  
Security Conference



USNORTHCOM  
Flag-level Meetings

## National



National Ocean Policy  
Implementation



National Security Staff's  
Arctic Interagency Policy  
Committee



US Global Change  
Research Program

## Congressional



US-UK Statement to US CODEL



House and Senate committee  
testimonies



Multiple briefings to HAC-D,  
SAC-D, HASC, and SASC staffs

## International



Operation NANOOK/NATSIG



USS Taylor Port Visit to  
Murmansk



Conferences & symposia



US – Foreign Navy Staff Talks

## Media



Radio interviews



ClimateWire

On-line publications

TED<sup>x</sup>

x = independently organized TED event

New media

The Washington Post  
The New York Times

Traditional printed outlets

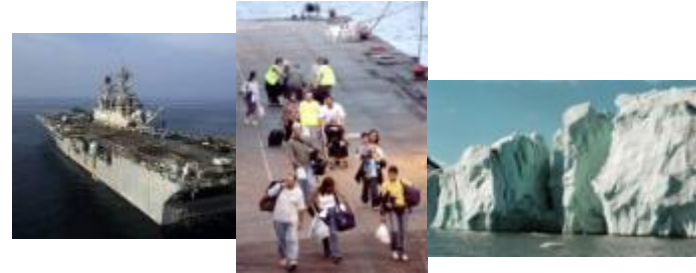
## Demonstrating leadership



# Navy Concerns

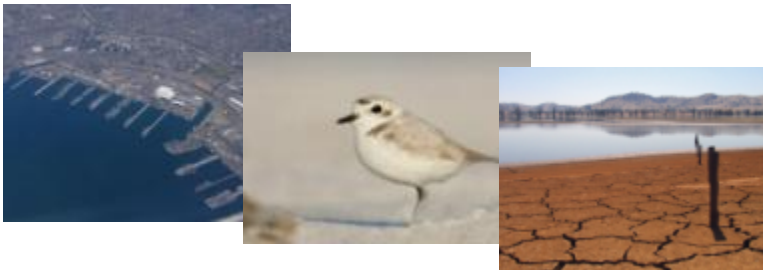
## Operations & Plans

- Increasing Arctic maritime activity
- Adaptation partnerships opportunities
- Potential increase in Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response



## Installations & Environment

- Impact of sea level rise
- Water resources
- Natural & cultural resources



## Wild-cards

- Ocean acidification
- Abrupt climate change
- Geoengineering

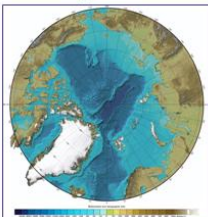


*It's all about Readiness*



# Arctic Considerations

## Poorly Charted



## Limited Infrastructure



## Harsh Operating Environment



## Security Concerns



## Allied Perspective



## Transportation Access

### Shipping industry requirements

- > 8+ weeks of ice-free conditions
- > Not anticipated for at least 40 years



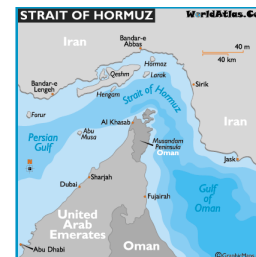
### Concerns

- > Insurance
- > Charts
- > SAR
- > Governance
- > Reliable sea-ice forecasts
- > Ice-strengthened hulls
- > Environmental compliance

## One Scenario



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## U.S. Native Perspectives



AEWC







# Navy Arctic Strategic Objectives

*Signed by CNO on 21 May 2010*



**I. Contribute to safety, stability, & security in the region**



**IV. Strengthen existing & foster new cooperative relationships in the region**



**II. Safeguard U.S. maritime interests in the region**



**V. Ensure Navy forces are capable and ready**



**III. Protect the American people, our critical infrastructure, & key resources**

***Towards the desired end state: a safe, stable, and secure Arctic***



# Navy Activity On and Under the Ice

## Technology Demonstrations – ICEX-11



Aerial resupply



SSN 778 surfaced



Ice-mining



VIP visit

## Interagency Research Efforts – Operation Ice Bridge 2011



Greenland Ice Sheet





# Navy Arctic Mission Trends

Mission Areas	Timeframe			
	2010	2020	2030	2040
Preventing Conflict / Deterrence	Low/Med			
Freedom of the Seas / Sea Control	Low			
Force Projection	Low			
Maritime Security / SAR / MDA	Low	Low/Med	Medium	
Regional Security Cooperation	Low/Med	Medium		Med/High
HA/DR / DSCA	Low			

## Potential Mission Requirement Ranking Criteria

High	Med / High	Medium	Low / Med	Low
High likelihood of being conducted in the Arctic	High to medium likelihood of being conducted in the Arctic	Medium likelihood of being conducted in the Arctic	Medium to low likelihood of being conducted in the Arctic	Low likelihood of being conducted in the Arctic

*Signed 15 August 2011*



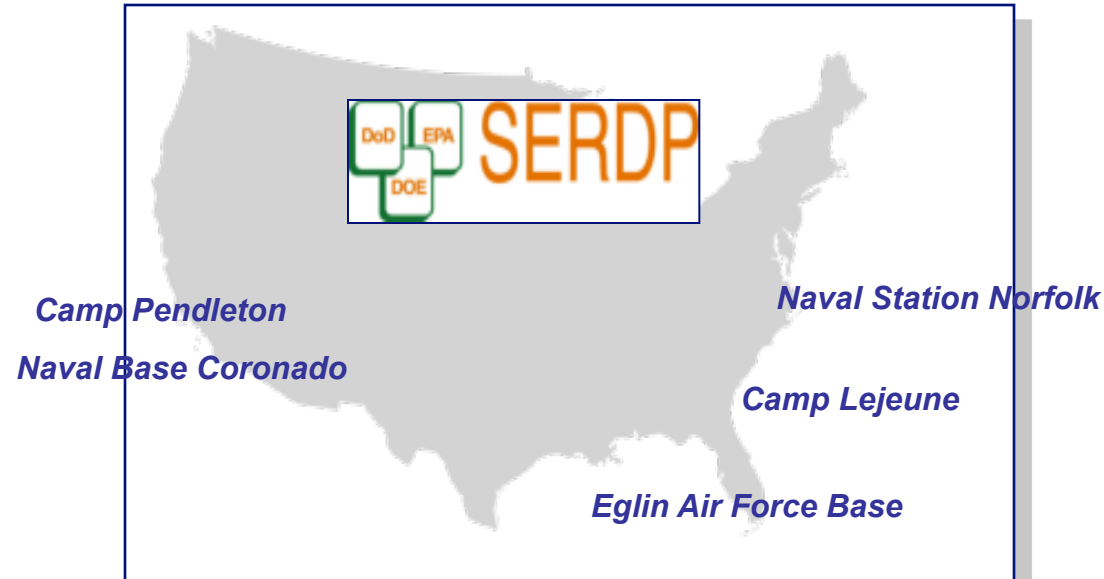


# ***Navy Installation Vulnerability***



## **Physical Impacts**

- Inundation
- Wetlands
- Erosion patterns & rates
- Surface/ground water supplies
- Water tables
- Tidal flows & currents
- Storm & flood damage



## ***Navy Study***

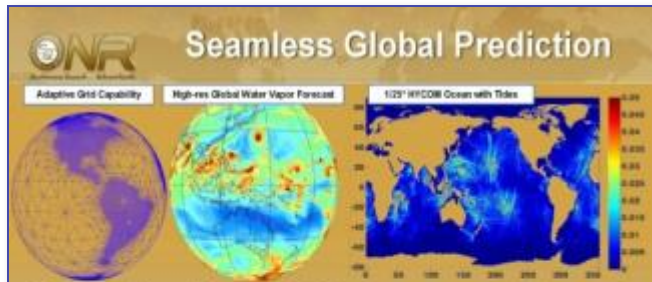
- Identify most vulnerable installations
- Local and regional infrastructure
- Prioritize spending
- Maintain mission readiness

***Enabled & informed by sound science***



# Improving Understanding

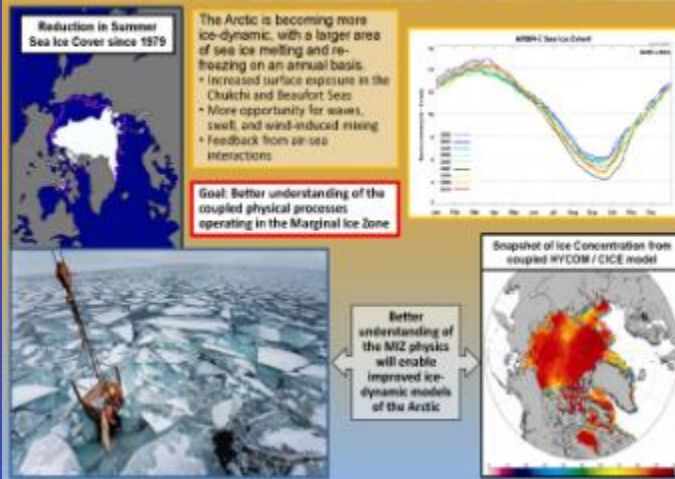
## ONR Initiatives



ONR's new effort will focus on building the next-generation integrated global prediction system to support the needs of the US Navy in 2020:

- Fully-integrated ocean-wave-ice-atmosphere model

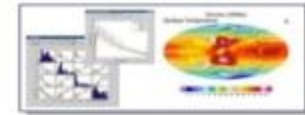
## DRI: Emerging Dynamics of the Marginal Ice Zone



## More Interagency Collaboration

### Earth System Prediction Capability

Recapitalize aging suite of global atmospheric models



Implement interagency collaboration



Revolutionary advancement National predictive architecture

## Academic Coursework & Projects





# Navy Accomplishments: Feb – Nov 2011

## Education

### Studies & Assessments

### Outreach & Engagement



Naval Arctic  
Mission Analysis  
& Capabilities  
Based Assessment



Naval War College  
- Fleet Ops Game  
- Arctic Symposium



USNA Interns



NASA CASI  
Workshop



Support for  
UNCLOS  
Accession



Naval Studies  
Board study



Naval  
Installation Sea  
Level Rise  
Vulnerability  
Assessment



Leadership  
visits &  
staff talks

2011  
Sustaining Military Readiness Conference  
Connecting Missions, Resources, and Communities

Sustaining Military  
Readiness  
Conference



Congressional  
Testimonies



Arctic  
Security  
Roundtable

## Science & Research

### Operations & Training

### Policy, Strategy, & Plans



Arctic Security in  
an Age of Climate  
Change



Russia Maritime  
Working Group  
Meeting



USN-USCG  
Staff Talks



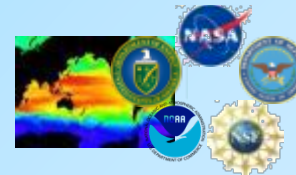
OSD-Policy  
Arctic  
Report to Congress



ICEX 2011



Pacer Goose



Interagency partnership  
For air-ocean-ice  
numerical prediction



NASA IceBridge



Science Ice  
Exercise Plan

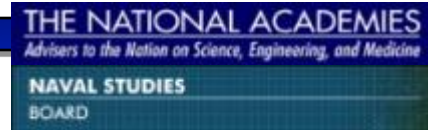
*Improve understanding*

*Ensure readiness (resilience)*





# ***Naval Studies Board Recommendations***



***Support ratification  
of UNCLOS***



***Address naval coastal  
installation vulnerabilities***



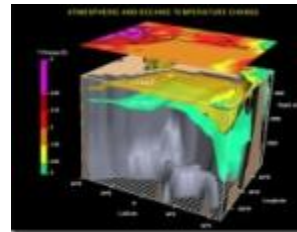
***Prepare for increase  
in HA/DR, Arctic missions***



***Address emerging technical  
requirements (e.g. polar ops)***



***Address partnership  
demands***



***Support research &  
development***

***Navy action is already underway***

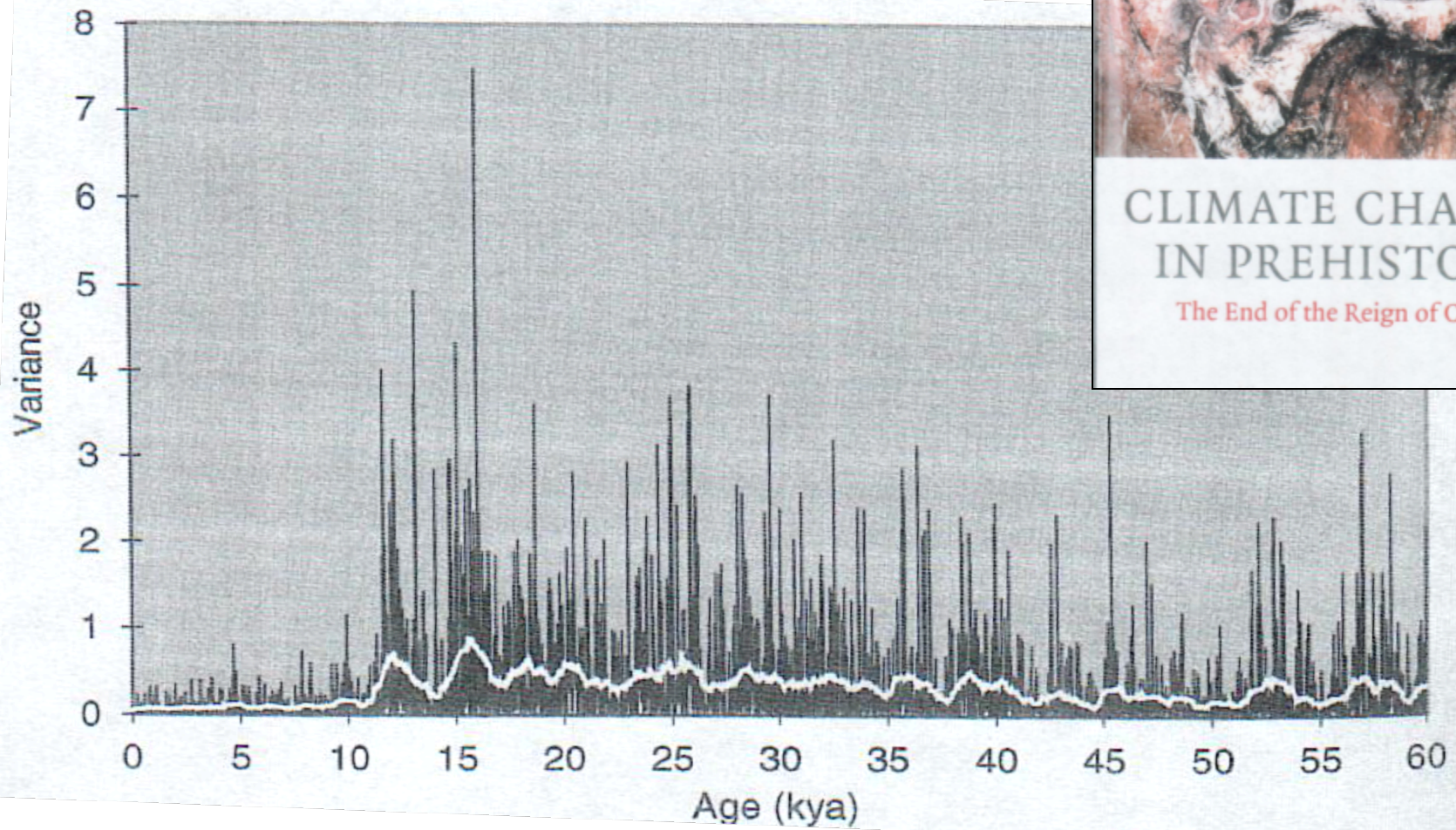






## CLIMATE CHANGE IN PREHISTORY

The End of the Reign of Chaos







# Discussion

